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New Patent Claim 1

A method for regulating or controlling the humidity and/or temperature in a cooking appliance with a
cooking area for food, with a water/steam phase change at an exposed, freely accessible water surface, characterized in that the water surface is continuously moved by the effect of gravity, the intensity of movement and surface area of which surface can be
regulated or controlled, the water surface being formed by at least one waterway in the form of a thin film of water, which is formed on a water-guiding device of low heat capacity and is also provided for a steam/water phase change.

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